

NEWS



FOR PARENTS, STUDENTS AND FRIENDS OF WHEELING CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Central hosts 109 eighth graders at Visitation Day

Students spend day learning about academics, spiritual life and activities

Central life and the opportunities afforded to all Maroon Knight students were shared with 109 eighth graders, from throughout the Ohio Valley as well as Washington, PA, as part of the annual Eighth Grade Visitation Day.

Spearheaded by Social Studies Department Chairman Sally Beatty, the Visitation Day program is open to all area eighth graders, providing information about Central's classes and science labs, spiritual life, music and fine arts programs, clubs and service groups, sports teams, and the day-to-day life and expectations for enrolled students.

After welcoming remarks by Principal Joseph Viglietta, students received a complimentary Central t-shirt, followed by a guided tour of the school campus, including the Cathedral of St. Joseph, gymnasium, and training center.

Upon entering the Cathedral, our student guests were greeted with the beautiful sounds of Central's Liturgical Choir, led by Choir Director and Spanish Teacher Jan Grubler. Campus Minister Jeff Smay then spoke to students about Central's spiritual life and encouraged them to get involved in all aspects of Central life. He then called upon a few current

students to share information about their own clubs, sports teams and school activities/experiences.

At the conclusion of the tour, eighth graders then met in small groups with CCHS students, giving them a chance



Donned in complimentary CCHS t-shirts, eighth graders from St. Michael Parish clap along to a song performed by the CCHS Liturgical Choir while visiting the Cathedral of St. Joseph. From right are Michael Pleva, Emily Bucon, Scott Hand, Katie Hurley and Michael Schwarz.

to ask specific questions about any topic. After a pizza lunch in the new Great Hall, the students walked to the gym to compete in a friendly basketball "shoot-out" contest.

Later in the evening, Central then hosted parents of incoming freshmen at the annual "Informational Night" program. Guided tours, faculty introductions, and presentations from Designated Pastor Rev. Eugene Ostrowski, Principal Joe Viglietta, and Campus Minister Jeff Smay provided parents with insight into the school's mission, academic goals, and spiritual life. ■



Physics and Chemistry Teacher Allan Bittner demonstrates equipment found in the Chemistry Lab during student tours.



A visiting student explores photos taken of she and her classmates during Visitation Day and then posted in real-time on a website created by Computer Literacy and Science Teacher Frank Przybysz and his web page design students.

CENTRAL

STUDENT NEWS

Students shine at Ohio County Math Field Day Competition

Eight Central students participated in the annual Ohio County Math Field Day held at Wheeling Park High School on Feb. 13. Of those participants, half earned scores that qualified them to advance to the Regional Competition scheduled for March 28 at Brooke High School.

Congratulations to Freshmen Division First Place finisher Doheum Choi, and junior Cyrus Hajiran and senior Patty Lee who tied for 6th Place in the upperclassmen division, as well as junior Nick Sparachane who tied for 10th place. Others who competed and earned a certificate of participation were freshman Rebecca Barnes, juniors Francesca Giovannone and Alexandra Greco, and senior Sean Cain.

Wheeling Central Math Teacher Cathy Reuther, who coordinated Central's participation in this year's competition, said she is proud of the students' success at the event. "It's so important for kids today to develop and nurture their problem-solving skills," Reuther said. "Math Field Day is a great event that allows kids to challenge themselves with math problems they might not have ever seen before."

Math Field Day is a statewide individual mathematics competition for grades 4-12 created by the West Virginia Council of Teachers of Mathematics to spur students' curiosity in math. In grades four through nine, students compete within their own grade level while the upperclassmen (grades 10-12), compete among each other. From the county level, the top three students from each grade 4-9 are eligible to attend their region's Math Field Day. In grades 10-12, the top ten students proceed to regionals.

At the County Math Field Day, competitors take two exam sections. The first section, a written test, counts for the majority of the student's points. Each student is given 30 minutes to complete 25 multiple choice questions using a calculator. The second section of the test involves mental math and is completed without a calculator. The mental math section is comprised of two

parts: mental math estimation and mental math exact. For the mental math estimation, students are shown a math problem on a projector screen and are given just 20 seconds to answer the question. As long as students' answers are within 10% of the actual answer, they earn points. For the second part, mental math exact, students read a question two times and must answer that question in 20 seconds.

Among the state's 55 counties, eight regions were created for Math Field Day. CCHS students participate in Region VI with other Ohio County, Hancock, Brooke, Marshall and Wetzel County students. From the Regional competition, 24 students from each of grades 4-9 and 80 students from grades 10-12 will go on to compete at the state level. For grades 10-12, the competition continues for the top 15 finishers who then compete nationally as West Virginia's American Regions Mathematics League (ARML) team. ■



Eight students represented CCHS at the Ohio County Math Field Day event on Feb. 13. Front row (from left): Rebecca Barnes, Francesca Giovannone, Patty Lee (6th place finisher), and Alexandra Greco. Back row (from left): CCHS Math Teacher Cathy Reuther, Nick Sparachane (10th place finisher), Doheum Choi (first place finisher), and Cyrus Hajiran (6th place finisher). Not pictured is Sean Cain.

Two seniors earn Eagle Scout Rank

On Feb. 19 the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout was awarded to two CCHS seniors: Kyle Frank, son of Kevin and Kathleen Frank of Wheeling, and Matt Przybysz, son of Frank and Kerry Przybysz of Wheeling.

Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouting program of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), first introduced in 1911. Since the end of 2005, more than 1.8 million young men have earned the Eagle Scout rank. Since its introduction in 1911, the Eagle Scout rank has been earned by close to 2 million young men.

The title of Eagle Scout is held for life. The requirements are extensive. An Eagle Scout may be earned by a Boy Scout or Varsity Scout who has been a Life Scout for at least six months, earns a minimum of 21 merit badges, demonstrates Scout Spirit, and demonstrates leadership in the troop, team, crew or ship. He must also plan, develop and lead a service project (Eagle Project) that demonstrates both leadership and a commitment to duty. He then takes part in a Scoutmaster conference. After all the requirements are met, he must complete an Eagle Scout board of review.

We congratulate both Kyle and Matt on their outstanding achievements!



Kyle Frank



Matt Przybysz

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Students collect medical, school supplies for WJU service trip to El Salvador

Despite the worsening economy and financial belt-tightening among Americans, Wheeling Central Catholic High School's tradition of community service and outreach to those less fortunate remains strong. This month, 400 Central students and staff members joined together to contribute to an international service project in the planning at Wheeling Jesuit University.

When CCHS alumnae (and twin sisters) Brittany and Ashley Wolfe, now juniors at WJU, contacted their high school alma mater to raise awareness about their upcoming service trip to El Salvador, the Central community embraced the opportunity to get involved. Donating such items as pens, pencils, rulers, coloring books, aspirin, Tylenol, toothbrushes and band-aids, students filled more than 20 shopping bags with these much-needed school and medical supplies for the Central American country. Additionally, more than \$150 in monetary donations was received. Spearheading the school drive at Central were Campus Minister Jeff Smay and Honors English Teacher Lou Volpe.

All of the donations will be distributed to a local school and medical clinic when the Wolfe sisters, along with 15 other WJU students and faculty members, travel to El Salvador this spring for a week-long journey. While in the country's capital of San Salvador, and surrounding areas, the

group will work in a variety of places, including an orphanage, center for malnourished children, medical clinic, before and after school program for children, and various construction sites. ■

Central alumna Ashley Wolfe (class of 2006) with help from Campus Minister Jeff Smay collected more than 20 bags of donated supplies and \$150 from the Central student body and faculty members for the El Salvador service trip.



Central freshmen Angela Sparachane (left) and Brianna Robbins contribute to a school-wide drive for medical and school supplies that will be taken to El Salvador and distributed by two CCHS alumnae as part of an upcoming international service trip, sponsored by Wheeling Jesuit University.



Reverse Raffle successful for Boosters Association

The Boosters Association's 30th Annual Reverse Raffle held on Feb. 28 was a great success again this year, thanks to the participation of the loyal Central family and friends who regularly attend our fund-raisers. It was a fun evening for all and many people walked away with wonderful prizes. The last five ticket-holders of the evening decided to split the \$5,000 grand prize. We congratulate the following winners of \$1,000: Greg Sacco, Lori Abraham, Kevin McCormick, Mary Schoene, and Shirts 'N More.

In conjunction with the Reverse Raffle, a contest was held to award a \$300 cash prize to the Central student who sold the most raffle tickets. There was a tie this year between senior Jessica Corder and junior Zachary Hood. Both will receive \$150 for their efforts. Congratulations on a job well done!

-- Jan Orkoskey, Boosters Assn. President

Calendar of Events

- 3/11-14Girls State Basketball (Charleston)
- 3/12Grade School Regional Science Fair (gymnasium)
- 3/18-21Boys State Basketball (Charleston)
- 3/22Bishop's Dinner for Catholic Schools, Morgantown
- 3/24Junior Reconciliation
- 3/25End of 3rd Marking Period
- 3/27Stations - Jrs./Srs.
- 3/29French Follies Program (7 pm, Great Hall)
- 3/30Distribution of Report Cards
- 3/31Frosh/Soph Reconciliation
- 4/1Stations - Frosh/Soph
- 4/3Spring Dance (8pm, Pine Rm)
- 4/6Peer Ministry
- 4/7 '09 Registration Assemblies
- 4/9**Early Dismissal Day**
- 4/10**No School (Good Friday)**
- 4/13**No School (Easter Monday)**
- 4/14Classes Resume
- 4/21Registration Day 2009-10 Yr.
- 5/1Senior Prom (White Palace)
- 5/5Senior Awards Liturgy
- 5/12Underclassmen Awards
- 5/15-5/16 . .Spring Musical (Great Hall)
- 5/19Spring Instrumental Concert
- 5/25**No School (Memorial Day)**
- 5/26EXAMS for Period 1 and 2
- 5/27EXAMS for Period 3 and 4
- 5/28EXAMS for Period 5/6, 7
- 5/29EXAMS for Period 8
- 5/29Baccalaureate Liturgy (6 pm)
- 5/30GRADUATION (11 am, Oglebay)

*Please note this calendar is subject to change.

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GUEST SPEAKER

Wheeling man turns to faith, family after near-death DUI accident

Mr. Schultz's *Addiction in America* class recently heard the personal story of Rob Shreve, III, a 33-year-old graduate of West Liberty State College, who had a long history of drinking and two DUI convictions. Four months ago, Shreve nearly died in a drunk driving accident and, today, shares his story to warn teenagers about the risks they take if they get behind the wheel drunk.

It was Nov. 26, 2008, and Shreve, along with some friends, bar-hopped throughout the night. Despite knowing the consequences of a third DUI offense (6 months in Federal Penitentiary and loss of his driver's license for life), Shreve drove his Ford F-150 truck home from the bar.

"I don't remember very much about being on Peters Run Road that night," Shreve said. "Most of what I know comes from what others have told me." According to witnesses, Shreve was driving at about 55 mph, went left of center, over-corrected, and smashed the driver's side of the truck into a tree. Even though he was wearing his seat belt, the force of the impact catapulted him from the truck into the middle of the road. He laid there unconscious, bleeding both internally and externally with severe chest, neck and head injuries.

A friend found him in the road and called 911. The EMT who arrived on the scene told that friend to "Say a prayer" and called the accident in as a possible DOA.

"Five days later, I woke up in the hospital to bright lights, noises, and tubes everywhere," Shreve said. "I had a four-inch wide ventilator tube that was nine inches long down my throat. Eight ribs were broken that had punctured my lungs causing them to fill with blood. I had a ruptured spleen and both internal and external bleeding. I fractured three vertebrae in my neck, received four pints of blood, and underwent plastic surgery." Shreve said because his head had severely swelled from the impact, doctors had to cut his head open to relieve the pressure on his brain. He then showed the class two large scars on the back of his head.

"I must have been driving with my arm out the window that night because it was almost severed off," Shreve said. "It took 150 clamps in my arm to save it. The doctors told me my arm was so torn up, they were only able to reattach it by lining up the lines of my tattoo." He then rolled up his shirt sleeve to show a large scar wrapped completely around his left, tattooed arm.

"There I am laying on the table in the hospital in this life or death situation, thinking of my nine-year-old son," said Shreve, whose own father took his life when Shreve was just 22. "I kept thinking of my son growing up without me...and I started talking to God telling him I was sorry. And He answered all of my prayers."

Miraculously, Shreve spent just eight days in the intensive care unit and was discharged from the hospital 13 days later. "It just wasn't my time," he said. "It was a lesson I had to learn the hard way. Once you hit rock bottom, it's hard to pick yourself up and dust yourself off, and say 'I need help.'"

He reminded students to make good decisions. "I'm very fortunate to be here today talking to you," he said. "I have never felt sorry for myself...it was my choice to get behind the wheel that night. But believe me, it can happen to any of you, at any time."

He ended his discussion telling students they aren't invincible. "Don't take the chance of getting behind the wheel if you or anyone else has been drinking. Above all, keep your faith in God and pray through hard times." ■



Robert Shreve, III

New Knight Stand Campus Store to open

Helping Hands Needed

-- by Jan Orkoskey, Boosters President

Planning is underway for the Boosters Association to open a campus store in the newly renovated area that formerly held the Knight Stand, near the cafeteria.

The new *Knight Stand Campus Store* will offer for sale such items as notebooks, paper, pens, pencils, composition books, and CCHS apparel. Additionally, we would also like to make available a copy machine that students could use for a small fee.

Here is the catch: *We need your help to be able to do this.* We are seeking volunteers to work in the store one or two days each month. We are looking for retired alumni, alumni who may be students at a local college/university, parents, grandparents, and Central community members who have a free day during the week to work at the campus store. As an incentive, all volunteers will receive **10% discount** on CCHS apparel.

Ideally the store would be open from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. every day during the school week. However, the operating schedule will depend on the number of volunteers. Initially, store hours might be limited to just two days per week. We are looking to open the store in August -- just in time for the start of the 2009-10 school year.

Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Jan Orkoskey at (304) 277-2519.

ADVANCEMENT NEWS

Changes coming to Kroger Gift Card Program

The Kroger Company will soon replace its *Kroger Cares* reloadable gift card program with a new initiative called *Kroger Community Rewards*. Under this program, participants will no longer use a designated Kroger gift card to earn funds, but rather will earn rewards whenever their Kroger Plus Card is scanned. This new program becomes effective May 1, 2009.

To participate in the new program, all families must first register their Kroger Plus Card on the Kroger website at www.krogercommunityrewards.com and designate CCHS as the beneficiary of their purchases. To do that, you will enter an organization number that Kroger will assign to CCHS in the coming weeks. We will announce to you when this new number is available. If you don't currently have a Kroger Plus Card, you may request one at any Kroger Courtesy Desk.

For those of you who have a reloadable Kroger card, you may continue to use this card for the CCHS Scrip Program until April 30. You will not lose any cash balance remaining on the card after that date; however, your purchases will not be applied to Kroger's new program or to the CCHS Scrip Program. Program details will be available on Kroger's website beginning March 16.

New SCRIP Retailer...Southern Living At Home is now available in \$25 and \$50 denominations at a **25% rebate** through **Consultant Janet Nixon**. Product catalogs are available in the Advancement Office or you can visit Janet's website at www.southernlivingathome.com/janetsideas. What a great idea for Mother's Day!

French Follies Show slated for March 29



The French Follies are presented every other year by the French students at CCHS. The entertaining program includes skits, songs and dances. Directed by French Teacher Pam Hartman, the event promises to be a great time for all. Pictured performing the "Can-Can" in a previous performance are (from left): Abbey Kurtz, Julie Kagler, Val Palmer, Valerie Flatley, Jenna Tolbert and Kara Ryncarz.

Community and general public. All French students are involved in the performance, which includes skits, songs and dances. Coordinated and directed by French Teacher and Foreign Language Department Chairman Pam Hartman, the program promises to entertain all -- whether you speak French or not!

Admission to the Follies is \$3 per adult and \$2 per student. All proceeds benefit the French Department and then French students will select a charity to which they will donate the proceeds. We look forward to seeing everyone for this one-of-a-kind, fun-filled evening!

The CCHS French Department will present its 10th French Follies on Sunday, March 29 at 7 p.m. in the school's Great Hall.

Begun in 1990, the Follies are presented every other year for the enjoyment of the Central commu-

Available Scholarships

For Incoming Freshmen... There are two organizations offering scholarships this year for 8th graders who plan to attend CCHS for the 2009-10 academic year. The first, a scholarship sponsored by the CCHS Classes of 1976-77, awards \$1,000 each year to one recipient, provided the scholarship requirements are maintained each year. The second scholarship is sponsored by the CCHS Athletic Boosters Association and awards \$500 to multiple recipients, based on the proceeds received from their Annual 50/50 Scholarship Raffle.

To apply for either or both scholarships, eighth graders must submit a 500-word essay on or before April 2, 2009 answering the question: "Why is a Central Catholic education important to your future plans?" Each essay must be neatly typed and include a cover page with name, phone, parish and grade point average. The CCHS Scholarship Committee will judge all essays on grammar, spelling and content.

For Current Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors... There are two organizations offering scholarships for the 2009-10 academic year: The Tony Viola Scholarship and the CCHS Boosters Scholarship. The Tony Viola scholarship, generously sponsored by the Viola Family, awards \$500 for one year to one recipient. The Boosters Scholarship, as mentioned above, also awards \$500 to multiple recipients, based on the proceeds received from their Annual 50/50 Scholarship Raffle.

If a student wishes to apply for one or both of these scholarships, he/she must submit one, neatly typed 500-word essay on or before April 2, 2009. The essay theme is "How has Central Catholic enabled you to 'grow in Christ Jesus' while preparing yourself for your education after high school?"

For more information about these scholarships, please contact the College Placement Office at (304) 233-1660.

Class of '09 Valedictorian and Salutatorian named

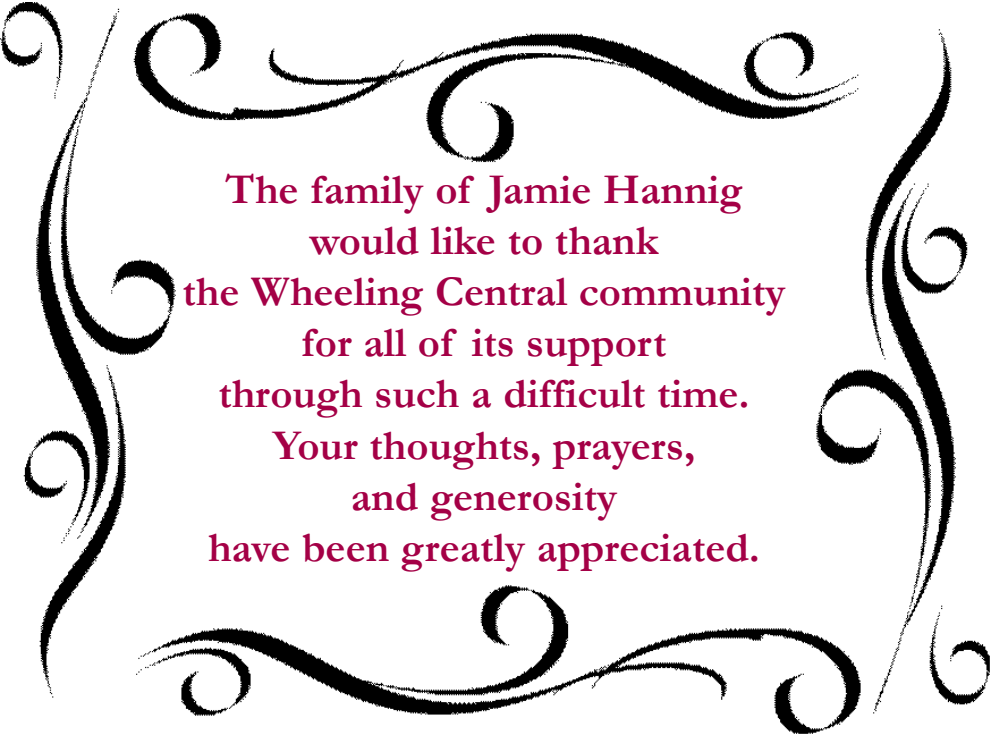
Congratulations! to Carley Snoznik the valedictorian for the Class of 2009 and Erin Gilligan, salutatorian of the Class. Both have earned top academic rankings in their class and will address their classmates during commencement ceremonies schedule for Saturday, May 30 at the Oglebay Amphitheatre.



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have been greatly appreciated.

Day or Night...

Online gift-giving always
available through CCHS
Web site

Any time, day or night -- whenever the mood strikes -- alumni and other supporters of Wheeling Central can make a monetary donation to the school using an online form available on the Alumni page of the school Web site at www.cchsknights.org.

Our new secure, user-friendly donations form makes gift-giving convenient and easy.

With Easter, Mother's Day and Father's Day approaching, we gratefully accept gifts made in honor or in memory of loved ones or classmates.

For more information, please contact the school at (304) 233-1660.